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## THIS WEEK

### CAMPUS

Encore series kicks off trimester

"Late Nite Catechism" by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan opens this trimester's Encore series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Performing Arts Center.

Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. For more information call the 660-562-1212.

### Campus Safety director honored

Clarence Green is the president of the Missouri Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Green was elected to his one-year term Dec. 6, 2008. MACLEA was founded in 1992 to create or enhance networking and training opportunities for member officers, staff and administrators.

### COMMUNITY

Deadline to file is Tuesday

The last day for candidate filing for the General Municipal Election is next Tuesday. The elections, which will be held Tuesday, April 7, include filings for the Maryville City Council and the Maryville R-II School Board.

### Burglaries under investigation

Two burglaries from this past weekend are still under investigation, Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said.

The Northwest Pawn and Thrift Shop at 418 N. Main was burglarized sometime Friday night to early Saturday morning. Two guitars were taken after the front windows were broken. A door was forced open at the American Legion at 104 E Fifth Street sometime early Sunday morning.

Anyone with any information on these incidents is encouraged to call Maryville Public Safety at 562-3209

### BEARCATS

#### Friday

- Track & Field @ Nebraska  
Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. 4 p.m.

#### Saturday

- Track & Field @ Nebraska  
Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. noon

- Women's Basketball @ Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m.

- Men's Basketball @ Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday

- Women's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 5:30 p.m.

- Men's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 7:30 p.m.

### SPOOFHOUNDS

#### Today

- JV/V Wrestling @ Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

#### Friday

- Boys and Girls Basketball @ Falls City, 4:40 p.m.

#### Saturday

- JV Basketball @ Savannah JV Town, TBA

#### Monday

- Freshmen Basketball @ South Harrison, 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday

- FJV/V Boys Basketball vs. Mid Buchanan, 5 p.m.

- JV/V Wrestling at Cameron 7 p.m.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Rumors put to rest: Walgreens store coming to Maryville

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

A spokesman with Walgreens and a check with the Nodaway County Courthouse have confirmed that the national drugstore chain is indeed coming to Maryville.

Walgreens spokesman Robert Elsinger confirmed the store's plan to locate at the southwest corner of Main Street and South Avenue. A lease signed on Sept. 10, 2008 lists Village Development-Maryville, LLC as the landlord and Walgreen Co. as the tenant of the property just south of McDonald's in the

commercial block. The lease commences on Sept. 1, 2009.

Construction is planned to begin in the spring with the store tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of this year, Elsinger said. The 13,650 square foot store will be a prototypical Walgreens, featuring a single-lane drive-thru, a pharmacy, 1-hour photo and grocery among other services.

Maryville fit many of the criteria that Walgreens officials evaluate when coming to a community, Elsinger said.

"We look at the location, obviously. We look at the demographics of the com-

munity, census figures. We do look at the population size, we look at if there are any competitors in the immediate area. There's a lot of things that go into it," Elsinger said.

"Our people in the field ... seek out desirable locations, oftentimes corners of busy intersections, so Main Street and South Avenue fit that bill. We look for places we know, through a

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See a layout of the new Walgreens at NWMissourinews.com

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photo by seth cook | photography editor

The Walgreens coming to Maryville will be similar to many of the chains' stores, like the Walgreens at 2620 on the South Belt Highway in St. Joseph pictured here.

## BUDGET | WHERE IT STANDS

**\$342m** shortfall in fiscal year 2009 Missouri state budget

**124** positions could be cut at Truman State University

**40 percent** of Northwest's revenue this year came from state support

# WHY WE'RE 47TH

Higher education dollars threatened in one of country's worst states for school funding

By Evan Young  
Editor in Chief

Northwest begins its spring trimester awaiting news of possibly the biggest slash in higher education funding in at least seven years.

In an effort to alleviate a projected multi-million dollar budget shortfall for fiscal year 2009, the Missouri government will likely reduce its FY 2010 appropriations to state departments, including that of higher education.

Missouri is 47th in the nation for per capita support of higher education funding. While not exactly an honorable position, it's one that's hardly surprising to Paul Wagner, deputy commissioner of the MDHE.

"We were never in the Top 10," he said.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the economic recession that followed, Missouri ranked in the "mid-30s" for higher education funding, Wagner said. But those events played a part in significant state budget cuts the following fiscal year, much of which higher education had to absorb, he said.

States began to ponder about their economic futures, which is where Missouri, and the other lower-ranking states for higher education funding, took a step backward, Wagner said. Rather than reinvesting funds into its workforce,

Missouri geared its public policy toward tax cuts and credits to stimulate business, he said.

Higher education appropriations were slow to climb back up to pre-Sept. 11 levels, though schools received much needed boosts from Jefferson City the past two fiscal years. Missouri's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year.

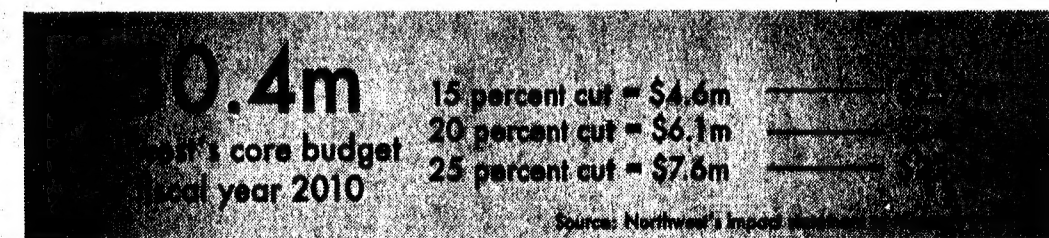
But general state revenue collections were behind about 4 percent through November 2008 for FY 2009 than they were this time last year, due to decreases in sales and corporate taxes and an increase in tax refunds, according to state data. In all, even after ending FY 2008 with a \$833 million budget surplus, Missouri faces a projected \$342 million budget shortfall for FY 2009.

### The impact

On Dec. 2, 2008, the Missouri Department of Higher Education asked all state colleges and universities to provide impact statements, outlining what their FY 2010 core budgets would be if state appropriations dropped by 15, 20 and 25 percent.

Depending on the final amount, the impact of this cut would vary from institution to institution. For Northwest, it could mean several things: freezes on salary and hiring; reduction in force and

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## State funding per student

- Wyoming \$536.96
- Nebraska \$347.15
- Arkansas \$302.65
- Kansas \$297.44
- Iowa \$294.85
- Oklahoma \$280.64
- Illinois \$277.16
- Missouri \$159.05
- New Hampshire \$101.54

For fiscal year 2008  
Source: Center for the Study of Education Policy, Illinois State University

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See full state ranking list and more at NWMissourinews.com

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

# New residence hall expected to open fall 2010

By Whitney Keyes  
Managing Editor

Despite possible budget cuts and an economic recession, Northwest is still making sure to put students first.

Even future students.

The University, in accordance with the enrollment increase projected by the Rational Enrollment Expectations Plan, is working on Phase Three of the Residential Life Master Plan.

Plans are in place for three new mixed-use buildings on the north side of campus, by the Forest Village Apartments and the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

"We have a pent up demand for student housing," University architect Becky Mullins said. "It's putting a crunch on all our spaces."

The current greenhouses in the area will be moved to an undecided location.

The new facilities would include housing, classrooms, a food venue and offices.

Mullins and other University officials plan for the buildings to be completed by fall 2010.

The Board of Regents approved an increase in the Master Plan in December, which calls for a total 300-340 beds to be included in the buildings. The new housing will be suite-

style living, with either 4-bed suites or 2-bed suites. Like other residence halls, the new buildings will include study lounges with kitchenettes, laundry rooms and a mailroom.

As of yet, it is undecided whether the buildings will be three or four stories.

The University has talked to several student focus groups in an attempt to decide on what type of food venue is needed and wanted.

Mullins said some student focus groups have suggested a 24-hour venue, but no decisions have been made at this point.

In order to finish construction for occupation in 2010, Mul-

lins and the design team plan to break ground, is financially able, this April.

Along with other University officials, Mullins held a meeting on Jan. 8 for interested developers and architecture firms.

While some may worry about the current financial crunch Northwest is facing and how the new residence hall will affect that, Provost Kichoon Yang is not.

"Whatever we do on the residence hall side, the revenue generated with occupancy would be sufficient to cover the cost of construction," Yang said.

"It needs to be safe and beautiful," Mullins said. "And as always, put students first."

## STUDENT SENATE

# Students propose new building name

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

After 25 years of service and dedication to Northwest President Dean Hubbard may leave Northwest with a permanent place in history.

As a gift to Hubbard, who will retire this July, the student body has proposed to rename the Administration Building to the Dean L. Hubbard Administration Building.

Student Retirement Committee Chairman Anthony Mittan, came to the Student Senate meeting with an idea to form a Ad-hoc committee to honor the president with a recommendation of naming a building after him.

Very few university presidents have served 25 years, and won four consecutive Missouri Quality Awards.

"He has been here the longest and the Administration Building has been here the longest, a building that every student has come in contact with," Student Senate President Abby Freeman said. "I think President Hubbard is a president that has touched every student in one way or another with what he has done, so I think it really reflects his time here."

Student organizations around campus had the opportunity to voice their opinion on naming the Administration Building after Hubbard. An open forum that took place Nov. 19, for students to voice their opinion about renaming a building in honor of Hubbard, Mittan said.

In the Professor Department of History, Humanities Philosophy and Political Science, Richard Fulton, has been at Northwest for more than 35 years, served under three presidents and has seen many buildings renamed. He has mixed feelings about the proposal, he said.

"It seems to me that the Administration Building is such a central symbol of the University and the oldest building," he said. "I hate to see it named after one particular person even though I greatly admire the contributions the president has made to the University."

Instead of naming the Administration Building after Hubbard, Fulton thinks that a wing in the building could be named in his honor or the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The CIE would be a good option because it is just one of his many legacies at Northwest, he said.

The CIE was another proposed building, but was not formally submitted, Mittan said.

Although Fulton doesn't think the Administration

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RESIDENCE HALLS

## Northwest starts 24-hour lock down, promotes campus safety

RETURNING FROM HIS morning art class, junior Duane Dougherty uses his fob key to get into Tower Suites West. Dougherty has to use his fob to get into the building at all times now due to a building policy mandated at the beginning of January.



photo by Jared Clarke  
senior photographer

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

In a move to make campus safer, residents of the Tower Suites will need their fobs to enter their buildings at all times.

After arriving back for the spring semester, residents of the Tower Suites are adapting to 24-hour locked doors, Rose Viau, Director of Residential Life said. Since built in 2004, Forest Village Apartments have had all entry doors locked because there is no front desk at any entry. Also without a front desk, the Tower Suites will be on 24-hour door lock, Viau said.

Safety is the main purpose of the 24-hour locked doors. Telling students to lock their room doors is encouraged, but it cannot be enforced. Locking the exterior doors will provide one more barrier to the rooms, Viau said.

Residents of the Tower Suites were informed of the change before break by signs hung up by the Complex Direc-

tor. "I believe it was the week of finals they posted signs on the windows by the doors," East Tower Suites resident Rachael Coleman said. "The doors will be locked at all times starting in January."

Although it may be an inconvenience for the residents to unlock the door every time, incidents across the nation, like the Virginia Tech shootings, have changed procedures at most institutions and having 24/7 locked halls are becoming very common to insure student safety, Viau said.

"I would have a hard time talking to a parent whose son or daughter had been harmed because someone came into our halls uninvited and I would have to say the only reason we did not have our doors locked 24/7 is because of an inconvenience," Viau stated.

"It is definitely an inconvenience," East Tower Suite resident Jessica DeFreece said.

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FRESHMEN SEMINAR

## New Web site aimed to help freshmen gets mixed reviews

By Stacie Zika  
Chief Reporter

After operating for a semester the PawPrints Web site faces mixed reviews.

PawPrints is a University-created Web site geared toward helping freshmen students transition into college life. The Web site contains features such as profiles, pictures, groups, discussions, articles, contests and more.

Freshmen are informed of PawPrints by e-mails, postcards, at orientation and through freshman seminar class.

PawPrints Internship Coordinator Jessica Peak said that PawPrints is similar to the freshmen seminar curriculum, but that the Web site adds a different perspective.

"Our goal is to retain freshmen and to give them the right resources. Freshmen seminar does this a little bit but it can come off as a little preachy,"

Peak said.

Interns, not faculty members, produce PawPrints. The interns are solely responsible for posted content, articles, and also for promoting the Web site.

Since the Web site is not from a professor's perspective, the students may relate to the information better and choose to listen to it more, Peak said.

Freshmen Seminar Interim Director, John Fisher encourages freshmen

to use PawPrints to build connections and relationships and also to get answers about organizations and the University.

"I think it is professionally done, it has a good purpose and can be used as a vehicle to answer any questions and concerns. It just may be under used," Fisher said.

The reason that PawPrints may be under used is that it is so similar to the social networking site Facebook. Many students said they would

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ADULT EDUCATION

## Counties team up to tackle adult illiteracy

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

Improving their self-esteem, looking for better jobs or to assist their child with homework or read them a bedtime story are a few reasons why people seek help through the Adult Basic Education Program.

Northwest houses Adult Basic Education, a program ran by the Maryville R-II School District and State of Missouri to tutor all ages of literacy students, Northwest's Adult Education and Literacy Director Linda Standerford said.

Five counties are involved in this program: Nodaway, Holt, Gentry, Worth and Atchison. Within this area, approximately 150 adults are enrolled, Standerford said.

"I have encountered that people who did not complete 12 years of education or those who are foreign in our country lack in literacy," Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services said.

Although they are at various education levels when they enter the program, many are working towards their high school equivalency diploma (GED).

"All students who enter our program are assessed to find out what educational level they are on based on six levels," Standerford said. "If they are one of the lower three, beginning literacy, beginning basic literacy or intermediate low literacy, we try to match those students with a tutor."

The main Learning Center is located on Northwest campus, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Thompson-Ringold Building. Evening classes are offered in Stanberry, Albany, Grant City, Mound City and Tarkio. The Maryville Treatment Center also holds morning and afternoon classes, Standerford said.

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# COMMUNITY

NODAWAY COUNTY

## Nodaway County Sheriff wastes no time starting job

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

Newly elected Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White wasted little time in starting his new position.

The winner of the Nov. 4 election against incumbent Ben Espey, White walked in the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department just as the clock struck midnight on Jan. 1, ringing in a new year and a new era in Nodaway County.

He got to work right away. "I arrived in uniform and I was there less than a minute and they sent me on a call," White said. "The deputies that were working were tied up with an injury accident. I just happened to be there and said 'You know what? I'm here, I'm ready to work, I will go do that for you.'"

That's pretty much been White's approach to his new job. It has to be. After all, 24-hour coverage was a key component of White's campaign last year. And no one is more responsible for fulfilling that promise than him, White said.

So when two deputies resigned at the beginning of the year for other pursuits, White and the remaining deputies shouldered the load.

"I promised the people of this county that we would have

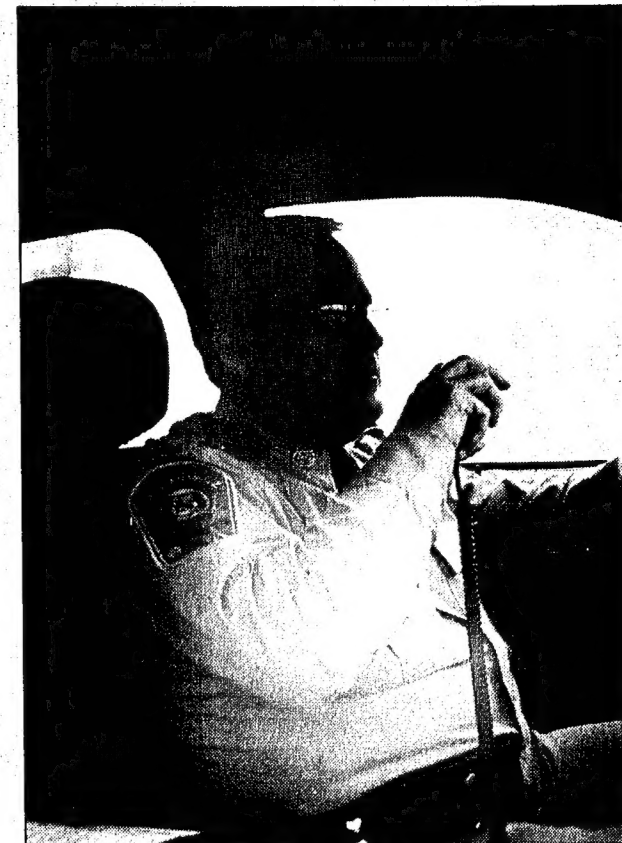


photo by Jared Clarke / senior photographer  
SERVING THE ENTIRE county and providing 24-hour coverage are some of the goals newly-elected Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White plans to achieve during his tenure. He began his new job on Jan. 1.

24-hour coverage and we're short two deputies right now. So in light of that, we have those blank spots in the schedule. I feel that it's my obligation to step up and fill those spots," White said. "And I'm more than happy to do

that because I do feel that strongly about that promise that I made to the people."

White said it's not uncommon for him to come in at 3 a.m. while the department searches for two deputies to fill the empty

spots. Other deputies have helped out by adjusting their schedules. The transition to a new sheriff — something that hasn't occurred in Nodaway County in 16 years — has been great, White said.

"They want to do the right thing and they want to move forward and everybody's been really good to work with," White said. "I can't say enough about the people that are there."

Nodaway County Chief Deputy Randy Houston has been with the department for 16 years. Although not many changes have taken place — White has only been officially on the job for two weeks and the schedule has been busy — Houston agreed that a transition to a new sheriff has went well.

"Everything's been smooth so far," Houston said. "Everybody's getting along fine and it looks like it's going to be alright."

White's ascension to the sheriff's office started more than 20 years ago as a reserve deputy in the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department in 1985. It was an unpaid position he took while working with the Nodaway County Ambulance District.

White graduated from Missouri Western State's Law Enforcement Academy and was also a student for a time at Northwest.

He's served as a D.A.R.E.

officer and a canine officer in the county and spent the five previous years as the deputy chief of police for the city of Plattsburg.

White won the Nodaway County Sheriff's race last year in a tight race, winning with 52.37 percent of the vote to Espey's 47.63 percent. Darren's wife, Maribeth, said she believes her husband has the ability to win over those who may have not initially been in favor of his election.

"He wants to make a difference. He wants to make changes and he wants things to better for our community," Maribeth said. "We've had a lot of really good feedback from people, everybody in the community. They're pretty excited and happy for him."

Whether he wins everyone over or not might be an ambitious goal, but that doesn't mean Darren won't try to serve everyone in the county. That was another one of the key issues of his platform.

"That's a pretty simple statement and I really meant it in the simplest of ways. It doesn't matter what your standing is in the community, your socioeconomic position, everybody deserves the same level of consideration and care," Darren said. "If you are the victim of a crime or if you are a person that needs the help of the Sheriff's Office, then we're here to help."

DIGITAL TV

## Future of digital conversion is unclear for local residents

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

Analog TV owners in Maryville could be left behind when broadcasting goes digital in mid-February, despite early preparations. It's all about location, explains Irina Younger, Store Manager of Best Brands Plus, a Radio Shack dealer.

"If you have an analog TV and already have problems with

reception, the digital converter box will not solve the problems," Younger said, referring to local areas with low elevation and weaker signals.

And these problems could get worse.

According to Younger, on Feb. 17, when stations make the switch to digital broadcast, TV fuzz will disappear — possibly with the entire picture. To prevent a blank-out, a larger antennae and amplifier can be

purchased in addition to the box — which runs between \$49.87 and \$59.99 at local providers.

Cable users and digital-ready TV owners do not need to do anything to prepare. However, Cliff McNair, Best Brands Plus Store Owner, notes that many of these customers have purchased a converter box anyway.

The switch touts the benefit of opening broadcasting space and adding channels. However,

critics argue the public cost limits its access to free media. According to Chicago Media Action, "some 50 million people in the U.S. still use over-the-air TV, most of whom are poor, elderly or don't speak English."

Last week, government funding for a \$40 coupon reached its limit. Younger said people who applied early, did wisely. Current coupon applicants are being put on a waiting list.

"Those without cable are sometimes those who are on a budget," she said. "For some, the box can cost as much as a trip to the grocery store."

In a local scramble to stock shelves with converters, Wal-Mart Store Manager Lonnie Scheffe said they continue to sell out. He hopes for a new shipment of 300 — which could hit the store at any time.

"They go out as fast as we get them in," he said.

PARKS AND RECREATION

## Community center to expand, accomodate more equipment

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Maryville residents will soon see an expansion to the facility.

A two-story addition will be built onto the Maryville Community Center, Parks and Recreation Director Rod Auxier said. The addition will add about 8,600 square feet onto the center. The project should cost about \$1.9 million and is scheduled for completion by this October.

The new space will be used

for a new cardio room, a new double-sized aerobics room, separate room for personal trainers, a new room that can be used for youth dance or yoga classes, a small concession area, larger meeting rooms and office space.

The expansion will also include additional cardio equipment. Additional funds will be used to asphalt the parking lot located on the south side of the building, he said.

The project began two years ago when employees of the community center surveyed the center's users, Auxier said.

"Users said we needed expansion," Auxier said. "The last four years people thought we should expand."

SFS Architects, located in Kansas City, Mo., took on the project. The architect service drew up the plans for the original community center, Principal Architect for the project Kerry Newman said.

The designers started on the design in September 2008,

Newman said. The designers are finalizing the plans on the project now, he said.

Bids for a contractor on the project began with a pre-bid conference today and will end at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 29. Then a silent bid on contractors will take place, with construction hoping to start in March, Auxier said.

"The community center has been really popular," Newman said. "The addition onto the center is a response to the good response to the community center."

The community center now is too small for the demand of users, Auxier said. The use of personal trainers has increased drastically, needing more space for personal trainers.

"I think it will be a great addition for the users," Auxier said. "The facility is very busy, so this will make it available for more potential users."

For more information about pricing and services for the community center, contact 562-2923.

PHILANTHROPY

## Ministry Center will honor Obama and M.L.K. with food drive

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

Local volunteers will join President-elect Barack Obama for a day of national service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and his upcoming inauguration.

A community food drive will be held between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday, at the Montee Law Firm located at 710 S. Main St.

The food drive, benefiting the Maryville Ministry Center, is part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

"Because of the poor economy, food is needed by a greater number of people," said food drive coordinator Carolyn Johnson. "No matter what your

political persuasion, the food drive is for a worthy cause." After a year marked by growing demands, the drive brings relief.

In 2008, rising unemployment and spiraling food prices were a double-whammy for food pantries across the nation.

Shelves at Maryville's food pantry are filled, thanks to community donations, in addition to food purchases made by the Ministry Center.

Center Coordinator Rod Shain said their food prices have risen by between \$3,000 to \$4,000 since last year.

For Shain — who stretches a dollar's donation six to seven times — the increase is still a "huge amount."

In addition, the pantry is serving an upward of 190 individuals a month — compared to last year's average of 150.

The pantry serves a realm of clients who meet the USDA monetary guidelines. Shain's clients include single mothers, the elderly, the unemployed and an increasing number of what he calls "the working poor."

"Unfortunately for a lot of our clients, it's not because they are not working," he said. "It's because they are underemployed, working for minimum wage, have one or two children and just can't provide for their families on these salaries."

Shain has also witnessed a growth of families experiencing layoffs and illnesses.

"It's a nervous time for many," he said. "A lot of people think it is only the deadbeats or the lowlifes who come. That is not the case at all — granted there are a few, but very few — most of the people don't want to be here."

The Ministry Center is better serving the escalating numbers with a recent expansion — increasing their 40-by-80 foot space by one-half of its size.

The pantry, located at 971 S. Main St., is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For further information contact Rod Shain at 562-6649.

Learn more about Maryville's Day of Service at [pic2009.org/page/event/detail/4jv99](http://pic2009.org/page/event/detail/4jv99)

CITY COUNCIL

## City narrows list for firms to engineer tower project

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

Maryville city officials continued forward with plans to construct two new water towers Monday night, narrowing a search for an engineering firm down to two companies.

Officials named Olsson and Associates, and BWR as the two companies to begin negotiations with for the engineering and design services of two new 750,000-gallon water towers. Through those negotiations, city officials will then determine one of the two companies to move forward with, Maryville City Manager Matt LeClerc said.

"Basically, what I'm going to try and do is negotiate a reasonable engineering services fee for design and construction observation associated with the water tower project," LeClerc said. "They'll be with us from its inception complete to the completion of the water towers."

The new towers will increase Maryville's water supply from 1 million gallons in its one working tower to 2.5 million gallons and allow the city to reach its standard of 60 pounds per square inch of water pressure, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said. The city does currently meet the 20 pounds per square inch required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR).

"The main goal is to help with the hydraulic water pressure and flow throughout the city, so that we have equal distribution and equal flow throughout the city," Decker said. "Right now we don't have that at its optimal level."

Funds were set aside for the project in late 2007, but because of issues like the ice storm of that year, it was pushed back. During that time, the price estimates for the towers went up.

"Our latest cost estimates have been right around \$1.2 million per tower, so the price of metal did go up considerably and these towers are steel structures," Decker said.

Once the city determines an engineering firm, they will then need a permit from MoDNR before hiring a contractor for the construction of the two new towers. However, with contractors backed up, the project could be pushed back yet another year. Still, a silver lining could be found from waiting, LeClerc said.

"Our thought process is we bid it maybe in the 2009 construction season and an alternate for (the) 2010 construction season. If it's \$350,000 less to wait until next year, we're going to probably wait until next year," LeClerc said. "Our situation isn't going to change, so waiting a year to save over a quarter of a million dollars makes good sense. We're being good stewards of our taxpayer dollars."



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OUR VIEW

## Government should be careful with college cuts

We can learn two things while reading through recently submitted impact statements to the Missouri Department of Higher Education from nearly two dozen state colleges and universities, regarding impending cuts to their core budgets.

No two of these college budgets are the same, and many of them could be in big trouble.

Missouri's budget for this fiscal year will experience a shortfall to the projected tune of \$342 million, even after ending last fiscal year with an \$833 million surplus. Higher tax cuts and lower income taxes, among other things, left general state revenue collections behind

about 4 percent through November 2008 than last fiscal year, according to state data. Gov. Jay Nixon and state lawmakers appear dedicated enough to put their heads together and balance the budget.

That's the good news.

On the other side of the coin, Missouri will likely choose spending cuts over higher taxes to bring the state back to financial stability. Traditionally, higher education has served as an almost automatic pocket from which the state picks funds to make up for these deficits. That probably won't change this time around either.

What's almost certain to change,

though, is the amount of impact felt by the colleges and universities that experience budget reductions for FY 2010. Large cuts came during the post Sept. 11 recession, for FY 2003. But appropriations before Sept. 11 were higher than they are now, and in the years since that cut, many colleges and universities' appropriations haven't been able to return to those pre-Sept. 11 levels.

An FY 2010 core budget cut could have staggering consequences for higher education in Missouri. While Northwest leaders seem optimistic a 15 percent reduction wouldn't result in layoffs or major program cuts, other institutions aren't so upbeat. Truman State Uni-

versity could lose up to 124 positions; Harris-Stowe University in St. Louis could shut down completely.

Because budget cut impacts would differ from school to school, the Northwest Missourian believes Jefferson City must use extreme caution when deciding which schools' appropriations to cut and by how much.

Missouri is 47th in the nation for per capita higher education support. These days, having a degree, bachelor's or otherwise, is all but mandatory for surpassing the competition in the job market. Now is not the time for irrationally hindering our colleges and universities financially.



MY VIEW

## Egypt plays crucial role for peace in Middle East

The truce proposal between the Gaza Strip's Palestinians and Israel, offered by Egypt, shows that Egypt's involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict is as important as it was in the beginning.

Even though Egypt is currently involved in a different, more peaceful method than in the 1948, 1967 and 1973 wars between the Arab states and Israel, that involvement is still crucial to the prospect of peace in the Middle East nonetheless.

Not only does Egypt's proposal allow for an increase in humanitarian aid to be given to Gaza, but also increases Egypt's role as mediator, decreasing the friction between the opposing forces and factions within.

However, a complete cease-fire will be a little harder to acquire for Egypt without Israel's end to the blockade on Gaza, which was imposed when Hamas gained political control after the legislative elections in 2006.

Hamas, although severely disliked by the Western powers and Israel, offers a great deal, if not the majority of social services the Palestinian people depend upon, which would explain the huge success Hamas experienced in the 2006 legislative elections.

Unfortunately for the Palestinians, Hamas doesn't exactly use the best diplomatic methods when dealing with Israel. This accounts for the Middle East's need for Egypt to step up, and pave the road to a more peaceful situation. And this role is not an impossible one to fill.

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"He has worked so hard for the students," Mittan said. "And this will show him we really do care."

Although the Arab front suffered defeat after defeat in the conflict with Israel, the Arab nations united were still a force to be reckoned with. However, this all ended when the 1973 Yom Kippur War ended, and Egypt, the major force in the Arab front, signed the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty in 1979. With Egypt's removal from the conflict, the Arab front, unified under this one belief that Palestine was being unfairly treated by the world, and by Israel, collapsed.

Since the 1979 peace treaty, Egypt's role has no longer been one of war in the Arab-Israeli conflict, but of peace-between supporting peace in rhetoric, or providing an active means toward the end result of peace.

But Egypt will have to step it up a little more. True, an immediate and lasting result of peace is fairly unlikely; the conflict will continue today, and it will continue tomorrow. But the situation can improve, be that in a humanitarian response to the lives lost to both sides, or in more preemptive ways of cease-fires, removing blockades, and sitting down to rationally discuss both sides' concerns. Either way, Egypt will not be removed from the Arab-Israeli conflict any time soon, nor should it be.

PUBLIC SAFETY

<b>Jan. 1</b> <b>Nathan S. Gibson</b> , 25, Stanberry, Mo., resisting arrest, 300 block of N. Market <b>Recovered property</b> , wallet, 100 block of E. Fourth <b>Burglary</b> , ongoing investigation, 1200 block of N. Main <b>Larceny</b> , ongoing investigation, 800 block of E. First <b>Property damage</b> , ongoing investigation, 100 block of W. Second <b>Property damage</b> , ongoing investigation, 1200 block of W. Crestview <b>Thomas E. Hooker</b> , Pottstown, Pa., city code violation, 100 block of W. Ninth <b>Everett R. Walden</b> , 67, Maryville, city code violation, 600 block of E. Fifth <b>Jason A. Barnhart</b> , 33, Maryville, permitting peace disturbance, 300 block of E. Second	<b>Jan. 2</b> <b>Animal complaint</b> , warning issued, 300 block of E. Fourth <b>Johnny M. Titus</b> , 43, Pickering, Mo., assault, 1500 block of E. First <b>Brian J. Hengeler</b> , 40, Maryville, city code violation, 200 block of E. Third <b>Jan. 3</b> <b>Stolen animal</b> , ongoing investigation, 100 block of E. Grant <b>Jan. 5</b> <b>Domestic assault</b> , ongoing investigation, 500 block of N. Mulberry <b>Jan. 6</b> <b>Joseph R. Everhart</b> , 18, Skidmore, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 800 block of S. Main <b>The police report is now online. Check it out at nwmissourianews.com</b>
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## BUILDING: Regents will hear Senate proposal at next meeting

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Building should be renamed, he feels it is important to leave a permanent legacy for Hubbard.

"The real legacy that he is leaving is not going to be a building," Fulton said. "His legacy will be much deeper than the name of a building."

Vice President for Institutional Advancement Orrie Covert appreciates all of the work that the students have put into this proposal, he said.

"It is not uncommon for administration buildings to be named in honor of presidents, current or emeritus," he said. "This is not out of the ordinary. I like the thought process that the students put into determining that building."

The process for the proposal to become permanent all started with Mittan's suggestion and the open forum. After the open forum the decision was clear, after passing unanimously, to propose the renaming of Administration Building as a gift to Hubbard.

Student Senate will present the proposal to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate anticipates hearing a proposal from the Student Senate on Wednesday Jan. 21, Faculty Senate President Doug Sudhoff said.

The proposal will then be presented to the Board of Regents on the Jan. 23 and at that point the board will decide what to do with the proposal, Covert said.

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## BUDGET: Numbers still speculative

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services; increased class sizes and tuition increase of up to 5.5 percent, which requires special permission from the state because of a tuition cap law that ties tuition to the consumer price index.

But University President Dean Hubbard isn't about to incite chaos on campus. In fact, he thinks the cuts won't amount to more than 15 percent.

"There is no sentiment to continue using higher education as a well to go to (in order) to make up for shortfalls," he told faculty and staff at Friday's general meeting. "This is not the time to hammer higher education."

Later, Hubbard said the decrease of state higher education funding can partly be blamed on the "silly notion that Americans can get something for nothing," meaning that colleges and universities can't keep offering quality education if taxpayers aren't willing to foot their fair share of the bill.

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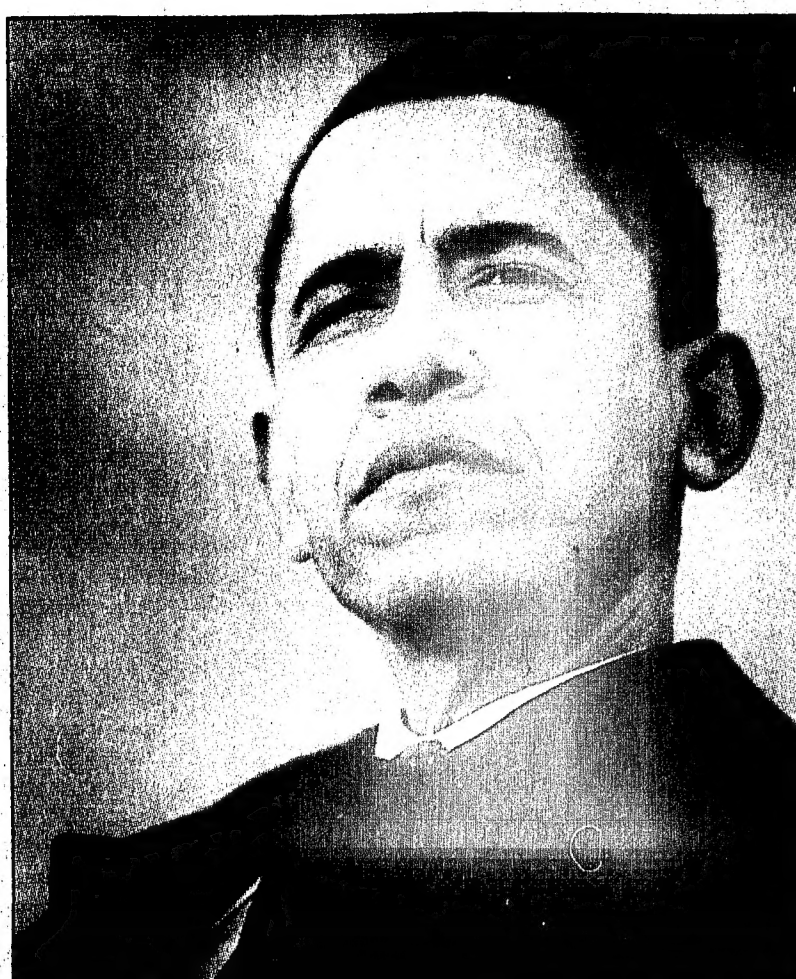
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## History celebrated Northwest honors black leaders

Here's a schedule of events that will honor Martin Luther King Jr. and Barack Obama next week.

• **Discussion, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union 3rd floor**

In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an interactive afternoon of simulations and discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in two social justice simulations. The simulations will be followed by a debrief that takes the lesson

learned for into the real world.

The day will end with a discussion about real life issues plaguing our global community today. Come learn that in a world that is a little more than a clear meritocracy.

• **Obama Inauguration Watch Party - Noon, Tuesday, Union Living Room**

• **Debate, "Has the dream been realized?" - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Union Ballroom**

The Northwest Forensic Team debates the question "Has the

dream been realized?" A generation after Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, the inauguration of an black president could be a signal that the dream has been realized. The 45-minute debate will be followed by an open forum and Q-and-A session.

• **Freedom Movie Day - 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Union Living Room**

A day of powerful movies about civil rights struggles and triumphs.

• **Voices of Struggle, Triumph, Freedom and the Future - 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 in the Union Living Room**

Horace Mann students, TUG and gospel choir read essays, display pictures and perform.

• **A Day of Reflections - 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 in the Union Living Room**

A round table of college students shares thoughts on the state of civil rights and the future of race relations.



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## COACH OF THE YEAR

HEAD COACH MEL TJEERDSMA addresses the team after the quarterfinal playoff win over Abilene Christian. Tjeerdsma was named AFCA Coach of the Year on Tuesday.



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## Tjeerdsma wins third Coach of the Year award

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

He's been here before ... twice actually. Head Football Coach Mel Tjeerdsma added a third American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year Award to his resume on Tuesday.

"It's very exciting, Tjeerdsma said. "It's humbling because of the number of great coaches in our division."

Tjeerdsma won the award in back-to-back seasons when he led the

Bearcats to consecutive Division II National Championships in 1998 and 1999.

Tjeerdsma becomes only the second three time winner of the award at the Division II level.

Tjeerdsma received this award following a 13-2 season that ended with the Bearcats losing in their fourth consecutive national championship game. MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Myles Burnside said Tjeerdsma is very deserving of this award.

"We'll look up to him. He's a great

role model," Burnside said. "He's a great teacher. He's always been on top of D-II, but he's one of the best in the nation."

Tjeerdsma had already brought home the AFCA Regional Coach of the Year and MIAA Coach of the Year awards.

Tjeerdsma led the Northwest to a 9-0 MIAA record, the 13th undefeated conference season in history, eight of which have been achieved by the Bearcats.

See TJEERDSMA on B2

## SPOTLIGHT | THE BIG HEAVY

# WALKING TALL

## Basketball player moves forward in record books, life

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

At 6'9", 200 lbs, Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry has no problem reaching what others can't.

Known as "The Big Heavy," Henry ranks in the top 5 in six different Northwest career statistical categories including career points, rebounds and steals.

He became the tenth player in Northwest history to record 1,000 career points and 500 rebounds for his career.

With a place assured in the Bearcat record books, Henry looks ahead to life after graduation with his new fiancé.

Christopher Woodland: What are you planning to do after you finish up with school and basketball this spring?

Hunter Henry: Well, I'm going to try to go play professionally over in Europe. I'm kind of waiting for the season to get over before I focus on that too much, but if that doesn't work out hopefully coaching and teaching somewhere in the Midwest.

CW: Have you talked to anyone about going over there yet?

HH: I don't really know how it works. I guess you really just need to know some people. We've got a pretty good network of players that played there. That kind of helps you get onto a team, and once you get onto a team they have kind of a minor league system they use. In each country there are probably two or three levels of play so you can get on a lower level and work your way up. Once you get your foot in the door it's a pretty good way to make a little bit of money.

CW: Is Europe something you've been thinking about for a little bit? Have you wanted to live over there for a while?

HH: It just came up because of basketball. After my sophomore year, coach Tappmeyer told me if it was something I wanted to do then I could probably be pretty successful, so it's been in the back of my mind for a while. I think it would be a good place to live too. If anything, I think maybe do it for a couple of years and travel the world.

CW: What's been the biggest challenge this year with being the only senior on a really young team?

HH: Just kind of selling the system to the new guys. It sounds kind of like a coach's job, but we use our players too. Usually we have a core of players, but this year not so much. That's been the biggest challenge.

I'm also still adjusting to being, I don't really want to say "the star" because we don't really have a star, but one of the better players in the league.

See HENRY on B2



photo by Seth Cook | photography editor

SENIOR FORWARD HUNTER Henry is setting records in six categories. Last night he was 9-13 from the field for 26 points and had 10 rebounds in the victory over Central Okla.

## CHASING RECORDS

**CAREER POINTS**  
5. Joe Hurst (1982-86) 1,580  
6. Hunter Henry 1,371

**CAREER REBOUNDS**  
3. Joe Hurst (1982-86) 777  
4. Hunter Henry 704

**CAREER STEALS**  
8. Tony Allen (1986-88) 153  
6. Hunter Henry 127

**CAREER BLOCKS**  
2. Russ Miller (1977-80) 94  
3. Hunter Henry 91

**CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE**  
4. Kelvin Parker (2001-04) 571  
5. Hunter Henry 513

**CAREER FREE THROWS MADE**  
4. Kelvin Parker (1982-86) 310  
5. Hunter Henry 295

## NW WOMEN

## Injuries lead 'Cats to 'emotional loss' against Central

By Brian Boniljevac  
University Sports Editor

An injury-plagued Northwest women's basketball team fought its way to a tough loss against Missouri Central last night.

The would-be game-tying three pointer sailed off the hands of freshman Tara Roach, rattled around the rim and bounced out as the final seconds slipped off the clock. The final score was 66-63.

"We wanted it tonight," senior

Micaela Uriell said. "It was an emotional loss, but we played probably the best game we have played all year."

Uriell scored 15 points to reach her fifth game with 10 or more points this year.

Fellow senior Meghan Brue recorded her fifth double-double of the season reaching double-digit points for 14th straight game.

"I had a feeling tonight that Micaela (Uriell) and Brue were going to have a good game tonight," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "In pre-game warm ups, I

really have issues with our intensity. When Central went into the locker room and Uriell and Brue came down to that basket, it was the hardest I had seen them work a shooting drill this season. I could see it in their eyes, they wanted to play. Their strings running out they have 12 games left. They really want to go to Kansas City (MIAA Tournament) and I don't know if we're going to make it."

Northwest overcame an 11 point second half deficit bringing the game within one point when Rickeya McEl-

roy hit two free throws with 53 seconds left on the clock. The 'Cats were unable to completely close the gap against a Central Missouri team who upset No. 7 Washburn 12 days ago.

"I hate, I hate, I hate losing," Steinmeyer said. "We're 2-6 and conference and I hate it, but I couldn't be prouder of the kids tonight. We just had to go to war. We didn't have a point guard out there. My best defender (McElroy) got four fouls right away. We just had to patch it together. I love what the kids did tonight."



FRESHMAN FORWARD TARA Roach makes a jumper over two UCM defenders. Roach went 2-10 from the field in Northwest's 66-63 loss to UCM.

photo by Seth Cook | photography editor



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Bearcats defeat Central, win second straight MIAA game

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

Working on the heels of a 14-2 run to start the game, and a pair of clutch free throws to end it, Northwest won its second consecutive MIAA game Wednesday night.

After No. 19 Central Missouri's De'Andre Byrd hit a three-pointer to start the game, the Bearcats went on a 14-2 run. Northwest's lead grew to as many as 16. The Mules refused to quit though, and Mike Larson's free throws with five seconds left secured a 61-57 victory.

The free throws came just seconds after Larson kept the Mules in the game by missing his previous two free throws.

"I missed those first ones, I just

had to kind of wipe it out, let it go and wipe those last couple away," Larson said. "All my teammates were behind me. They just told me 'erase your mind and go knock them down.'"

Free throws made a significant difference in the first half too.

Central shot just one free throw in the first 20 minutes compared to the 'Cats' 12 as the teams went to the locker room with Northwest ahead 30-21.

Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry dominated the paint, while collecting yet another double-double. He finished with 26 points on 9-of-13 shooting, and 10 rebounds.

The win wasn't pretty, but Henry will take an ugly win over

a loss any day.

"We came out tonight and played a 40 minute team effort," Henry said. "It wasn't a very good game. We played up and down against Truman, and we played up and down tonight. I'll take 12 more ugly wins though."

After a rocky start to the season, Northwest has now won two conference games in a row and travel to No. 5 Southwest Baptist on Saturday.

"This is the most quality win we've had to this point this year," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We're just going to enjoy it until tomorrow's practice."

Baptist lost 88-84 Wednesday night at Nebraska-Omaha.

Tipp-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

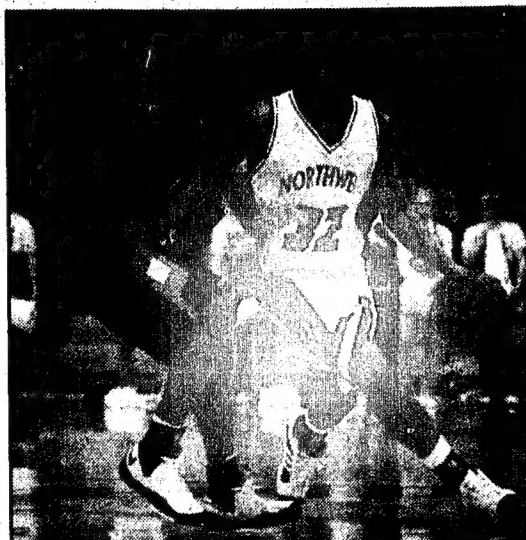


photo by Jeff Cook | photography editor  
JUNIOR GUARD EDRISS FLOYD drives past a UCM defender on his way to a goal. Floyd went 3-5 from the field with one assist in the Bearcats' victory over UCM.

## BEARCATS

**MEN'S STATISTICS**

Northwest		Central
44.7	Field Goal pct.	33.3
13	Assists	13
15.0	Three point pct.	10.0
12	Turnovers	13
7	Steals	10
61.5	Free throw pct.	58.8

**GAME LEADERS**

Points	Rebounds
1. 26 - Hunter Henry	1. 10 - Hunter Henry
2. 14 - Elijah Allen	2. 6 - Shawn Carter
3. 7 - Edriss Floyd	3. 5 - Elijah Allen
Assists	Steals
1. 7 - Mike Larsen	1. 3 - Edriss Floyd
2. 2 - Shawn Carter	2. 2 - Mike Larsen
2. 2 - Dajuan Harris	3. 1 - Hunter Henry

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. 69.2 Hunter Henry	1. 2-2 Hunter Henry
2. 60.0 Edriss Floyd	1. 1-1 Edriss Floyd
3. 57.1 - Elijah Allen	3. N/A

**WOMEN'S STATISTICS**

Northwest		Central
63	Score	60
41.1	Field Goal pct.	36.5
17	Rebounds	23
13	Assists	17
18.4	Three point pct.	31.4
18	Turnovers	11
6	Fouls	10
65.0	Free throw pct.	62.5
	Points	

**GAME LEADERS**

Points	Rebounds
1. 21 - Meghan Brue	1. 12 - Meghan Brue
2. 15 - Micaela Uriell	2. 9 - Rickeya McElroy
3. 13 - Rickeya McElroy	3. 8 - Melissa Nyquist
Assists	Steals
1. 6 - Shelly Martin	1. 3 - Meghan Brue
2. 2 - Meghan Brue, Micaela Uriell, Tara Roach	2. 2 - Melissa Nyquist
	3. 1 - Micaela Uriell

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. 62.5 - Rickeya Elroy	1. 60 - Micaela Uriell
2. 53.3 - Meghan Brue	2. 50 - Meghan Brue
3. 50 - Melissa Nyquist	3. N/A

## HENRY: Unfinished business in the MIAA

Continued from B1

There are some teams that I still can't figure out how to beat.

CW: Which ones?

HH: Washburn. I haven't played well against them. They are a really athletic team, and they've managed to figure out how to frustrate me.

CW: How did Lance Sullivan's legal trouble and dismissal from the team affect you?

HH: It was a shock. I was working out at the golf course the first time I heard anything about it. Anytime one of your players gets kicked off the team who can flat out shoot and score and is a great athlete, it takes away a major aspect of our team. I think we're still searching for someone to step in and fill the role that he had.

CW: How would you sum up and describe your five years at Northwest?

HH: The whole basketball thing taught me to be a good student. I wasn't a very good student when I got here, and I also met my fiancé (Erin Lohaefer).

CW: What is it like being taller than everybody else?

HH: People react to it differently. Some people are going to look up and say "man you're really tall," and I'm like "Yea thank you. I know." I used to have a shirt in high school that said "I'm 6'8", I play basketball and the weather is fine" or something like that. I don't think I have that shirt anymore.

CW: What is your main goal you want to accomplish right now, either basketball-related or not?

HH: In basketball I want to get back to the MIAA tournament and try to win that this year. We haven't had the greatest start to the conference season, so in order to get to the NCAA Tournament we're probably going to have to win the MIAA Tournament.

My main goal for after I graduate, is getting married hopefully before too long and starting that phase of my life.

CW: Finally, who is your pick for the Super Bowl?

HH: Out of nostalgia, I'm going to say the Pittsburgh Steelers. The year I met my fiancé they won it all in '05. If New York hadn't lost (Sunday) I'd probably gone with them, but I'm going to go with Pittsburgh. They just seem tougher than everyone else.

## TJEERDSMA: Another award for the '08 'Cats

Continued from B1

Northwest went into MIAA play 1-1 after suffering a home loss to Abilene Christian in week one before rebounding to run off 13 straight victories, including a week 13 win over Abilene Christian in the quarter finals. Quarterback and MIAA Most Valuable Offensive Player Joel Osborn, said that was probably the team's best game of the year.

"They had just come off a huge win against West Texas and then we went down and beat them at their place," Osborn said. "It was special since they beat us early in the year and nobody in the nation except maybe half of our fans thought we were going to win."

Following that 45-36 victory over the Wildcats in Abilene, North Alabama came to Maryville to face the 'Cats. Needless to say, the Lions met the same fate as the 12 teams before them and Northwest moved on to face Minnesota-Duluth in the Division II National Championship.

The game was a defensive struggle until Minnesota-Duluth broke through on a 38-yard touchdown pass to go to halftime with a 7-0 lead.

Aldwin Foster-Rettig scored on a 44-yard interception return to make the score 21-7 with time running out on Northwest's season.

Osborn connected with Raphael Robinson for a one-yard score to give the 'Cats a chance with only 1:39 remaining on the game clock.

The Bulldogs recovered the ensuing onside kick, ending Northwest's chance for a dramatic comeback. Osborn said he was disappointed with another championship game loss.

"We played nowhere near our potential," Osborn said. "It was just the feeling of this really happening again? I just wish it was all a dream and that we could play the game over."

Tjeerdsma agrees with Osborn's disappointment and would gladly trade his third Coach of the Year Award for a third national championship.

"There's no doubt, I'd much rather win that national title," Tjeerdsma said. "That affects everybody, the team, the school, everybody."

On the season Northwest averaged 40 points per game and ranked 20th nationally in scoring. Offensively, the team averaged 256 passing yards per game and 187 yards on the ground.

Tjeerdsma is already looking forward to next season.

"I'm really excited," Tjeerdsma said. "I'm very optimistic, but it all starts now with the commitment we get to next season."

Northwest's season.

## SPOOFHOUNDS

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

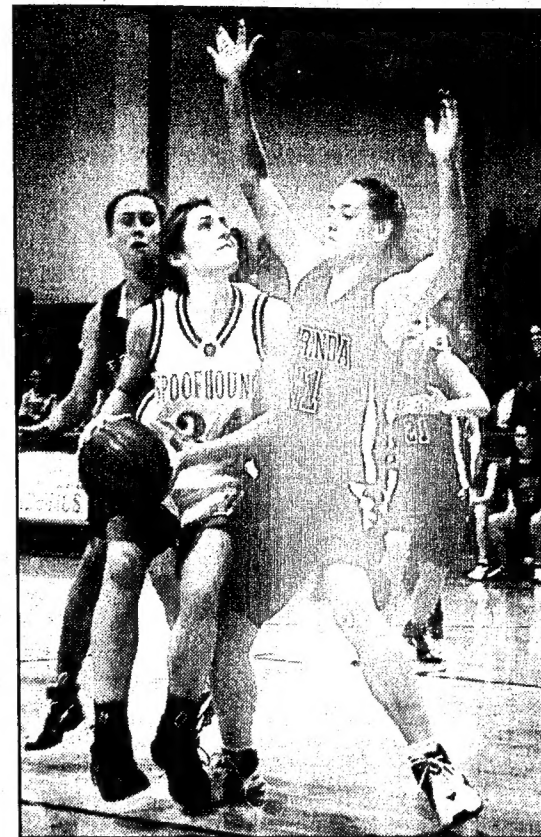


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SOPHOMORE TAYLOR GAUDIN works around a Clarinda defender for a score during the Spoofhounds' victory over Clarinda Saturday afternoon. The victory boosted their record to 7-3 for the season.

# Hounds overcome sluggish start

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

Games on back-to-back nights didn't stop the Spoofhounds from picking up a pair of victories. The 'Hounds proved victorious in match-ups with St. Joseph Lafayette and Clarinda, Iowa.

The girls defeated the Lafayette Fighting Irish 65-57 on Jan. 9 to pick up their first victory on their home floor. A little spill-over from the night before seemed evident when the Cardinals came to town the following day.

"I think it took us a while to wake up," coach Grant Hageman said. "We were a little tired and just not ready to go in the first half."

Clarinda jumped out to an early 8-0 lead before Maryville finally broke its offensive drought with 1:35 remaining in the first quarter on a three-

pointer by Mataya Wooten.

The Spoofhounds only scored five points in the opening quarter while committing seven fouls. The second quarter started with the 'Hounds trailing 10-5.

"We got into foul trouble and that slowed us down offensively," Hageman said, "and that gave them some easy points."

In the second quarter, the game became a back and forth, up-tempo affair. Maryville went to halftime trailing 25-20, but showing signs of getting things going offensively.

"The girls agreed at halftime that we just weren't playing as hard as we needed to," Hageman said. "We just had to pick it up."

The girls picked up their defensive intensity in the third quarter and took the lead for good following two blocks by Megan Walker and back-to-back

jumpers by Emily Kisker.

Maryville held the Cardinals to four points in the third quarter and took a 35-29 lead into the final period.

"We tried to switch up the defense and I think that flustered them," Hageman said. "We did a great job of giving them one shot and boxing out to get the rebound."

The Spoofhounds went on a 27-8 run in the second half to win 47-33. Meridee Scott led the team with 11 points in the win.

Prior to the two home victories, Maryville played in the LeBlond Holiday Tournament over winter break. They picked up victories over East Buchanan and Cameron, but fell to LeBlond in the championship.

The Spoofhounds put their 7-3 record on the line tomorrow night when they take on Falls City at 6 p.m. in Falls City, Neb.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

# Maryville boys blow out Auburn to win sixth straight, improve to 7-2

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team convincingly took down Auburn High School Tuesday night after a rocky start.

The Spoofhounds' 70-50 victory over Auburn was their sixth straight win and also the team's home opener.

Maryville started the game in a hole after a lights-out first quarter by Auburn. The 'Hounds were outscored by Auburn 24-15.

"The first quarter we just really weren't ready to play we were sluggish," coach Mike Kuwitsky said. "We were just standing around and weren't playing defense at all. It was kind of alarming, the fact we just weren't ready to play."

Once the whistle blew at the end of the first quarter, the 'Hounds took control of the game and never looked back. They only gave up six points in the second quarter and took a 40-30 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"We started pressuring the ball more and having everyone else focus more on help," Kuwitsky said. "We made a little bit of an adjustment where we put more focus on putting more pressure on the ball then have the other four get back and stop the ball."

The 'Hounds' speedy offense exploded after the first quarter. They out-ran the entire Auburn team for the remaining three quarters to control the game. Maryville scored 25 points in the second half behind the play of John Farmer who scored 19.

"We've got a little bit of speed,"

Kuwitsky said. And that's hard to stop ... people like John Farmer and Adam Mattson are pretty quick and they can move up and down the court."

Auburn jumped on the 'Hounds again at the beginning of the second half by making a run in the third quarter. The 'Hounds put an end to the run and put the game out of reach for Auburn by only allowing 20 points in the second half.

Every 'Hound produced Tuesday night. Seven boys scored and four were in double digits.

"The thing I like about the team is that if some guys aren't going real well, we have options of going to four more or five more guys," Kuwitsky said. "They're not all hopefully going to have an off night the same night, so these guys get along well enough

if they're not playing as well as they could, then somebody else could step in and give us a spark. Boy, I think that's going to help us all year that we're that deep; starters might not be doing it, but then the bench comes in and they get the starters going again."

The 'Hounds played great over winter break, improving their record from 3-2 to 7-2 by going on the road. They played three regular season games and played in the Spoofhound Shootout and the Trenton Tournament. In the regular season games, the 'Hounds were undefeated by blowing out South Harrison slipping by Benton 48-43, and beating Savannah on a last second Adam Thompson shot.

The 'Hounds look to earn their seventh straight victory at 6 p.m. on Friday in Falls City, Neb.

**WRESTLING**

# Wrestlers improve to 6-0 in duals, defeat Chillicothe

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Spoofhound wrestling team suffers from five injuries but refuses to let that get the best of them.

Tuesday night, the 'Hounds traveled to Chillicothe for its second conference match.

The match started out with the 130-pound weight class. Chillicothe won the match by forfeit and never looked back.

The Hornets won the next three matches, two by pin and the 'Hounds added another forfeit to Chillicothe's total.

It wasn't until the fifth match when Maryville's 152-pound Bryce Alexander pinned Jim Maxwell to give the 'Hounds their first points.

The Hornets went on to win the next two matches and lead the dual 3-6.

Just as winning the dual seemed impossible Maryville's Derek Dean pinned the Hornets' Cory Low to take the 189-pound weight class and give the 'Hounds its second victory of the night.

Dean's win not only seemed to get things started for the 'Hounds, it also played a pivotal point in nights' outcome.

After the 189-pound match, Chillicothe's Low was penalized for unsportsmanlike like conduct. The result was a one point reduction from the team's overall total, a point that would later come back to haunt the Hornets.

The 'Hounds won their next three matches with Tyler Hay, Jason Davis and Kelton Baker all winning by pin.

Chillicothe won one more match due to forfeit before Dakota Carmichael, 119-pound, and Dakota Merrill, 125-pound, finished the night with Spoofhound victories.

The dual finished with a score of Maryville 39 and Chillicothe 38, leaving the Hornets' one point reduction for unsportsmanlike conduct to be the difference maker in the night's dual.

It is too early in the year to tell what the Spoofhound's state tournament possibilities are, said coach Joe Drake.

Drake did mention that the five injuries have affected the team and led to the three forfeits the 'Hounds gave to Chillicothe Tuesday night.

Maryville is 6-0 so far this year in duals and will next take the mat at 5:30 p.m. today in Falls City, Neb.

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Meghan Brue

Allen scored a career best 24 points in Northwest's 72-63 win at Truman Saturday. He scored 14 points in the final 11 minutes of the game to solidify the Bearcat's first conference win of the year. He shot 8 of 11 from the field, and made 8 of 11 free throws, along with six rebounds. He is currently second on the team in scoring with an 11.4 average.

### Megan Walker

Brue extended her double-digit points streak to 13 game on Saturday with a 14 point performance against Truman State. She shot 5-of-14 from the field, 4 of 5 from the line and collected six rebounds. She has not finished a game with less than ten points since Nov. 15. She leads the team with 14.6 points per game.

### John Farmer

John Farmer helped guide a 14-6 second quarter run in the Spoofhounds' 70-50 win over Auburn on Tuesday. He scored 11 of the team's second quarter points, and a team-high 19 overall, including three from downtown. The 'Hounds, 7-2, will need more production like that this week with games at Falls City and South Harrison. He was one of four players to reach double digits against Auburn.

### Megan Walker

Megan Walker helped lead the Spoofhounds to a 2-0 record at home to start the season. She scored nine points in the game and had two key blocks during the decisive third quarter against Clarinda. Walker will be a key part of the offense for the remainder of the season as Coach Grant Hageman pledged to get the ball inside more.

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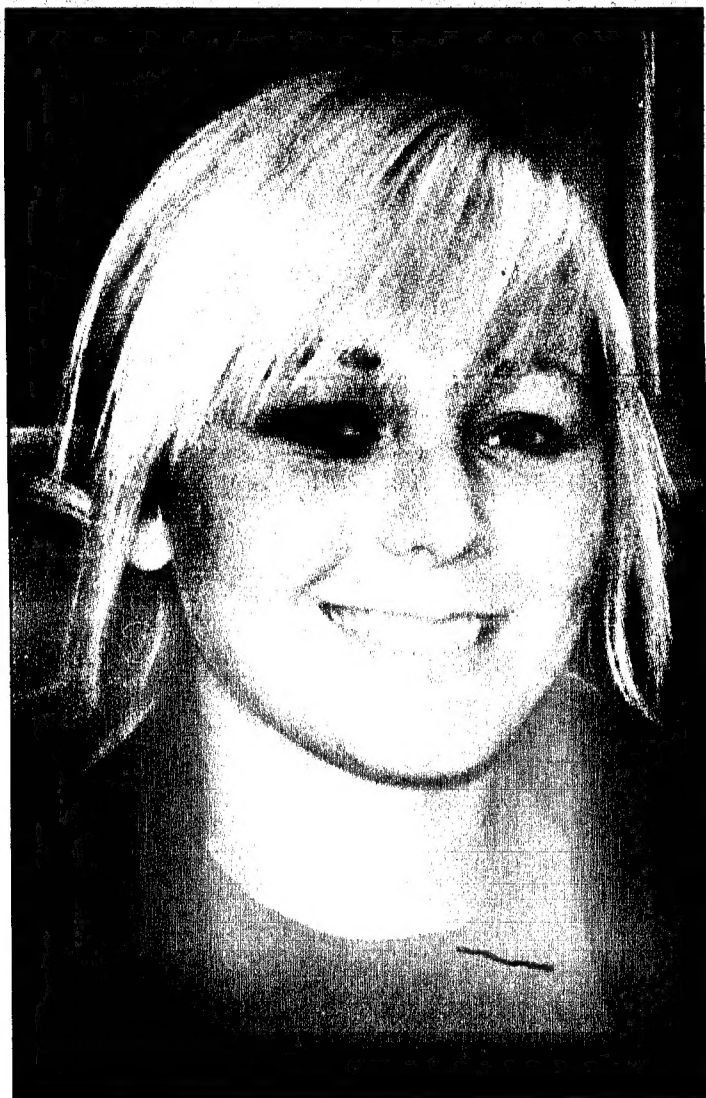


**W**ith every new year comes the excitement of making a New Year's resolution. Most people are determined to pick something they find difficult to do and stick to it, and many choose something like working out more or trying harder in school. Sometimes, people follow through. For others, however, resolutions last for a month or so. Why? We have no idea. Maybe it's because after a few months we run out of steam. Or maybe it's the cruel world telling us we can't succeed. Instead of making a practical resolution this year, the Vibe has decided to make things a little easier. Here is a list of new and improved resolutions for 2009. Maybe you'll find one you can follow throughout the year, or maybe for just a few months. Whatever the case, make yourself feel just a little bit better. Go ahead, borrow one of ours if you find one you like, we won't tell.

• I need more time for myself, less time for other people. • Save money, buy cheaper beer. • Become more eco-friendly and start showering with a friend • Hate life less • Walk across every so-called heated sidewalk at Northwest • Catch a squirrel • Find a cure for cancer, don't drink Maryville tap water • Learn the names of the randoms from the bar • Try to recall at least one weekend night • Learn to sword fight, catch a pirate • Master the force and battle the dark side. • Escape a Maryville wind tunnel • Minimize drunk dials and texts • Find the most creative 'that's what she said' joke • Test attendance policies by skipping class more often • Learn to polka • Fight a mountain lion • Facebook less...at least while I'm in class • Actually learn how to underwater basket weave •

# RESOLUTIONS

## Gave up soda



**Joan Ahart**  
Freshman

No more soda.

**The deciding factor:** "There are a lot of calories in pop."

**Greatest obstacle:** "Going out – plus, it's expensive to buy tea and stuff. I guess I'll stick to water."

**Time frame:** "As long as I can hold out."

**Support system:** "My roommate is doing it too. When she told me she was going to, I decided I would. I just followed her. It's not going to be that tough."

**Calories:** According to thecoca-colacompany.com, the following calories are found in some of the most popular soft drinks (8 fl.oz.).

- Coca-Cola Classic: 97
- Barq's Root Beer: 111
- Sprite: 96
- Pibb Xtra: 97

- Alternatives:**
- Milk
  - Tea
  - Water
  - Sports drinks

## Vegan



**Suzie Gilbert**  
Junior

No more meat or animal by products.

**The deciding factor:** "The health benefits. I want to know everything I put in my body, and of course, animal cruelty."

**Greatest obstacle:** "It's expensive and everything I eat right now is beige. Also, everything has milk in it, but it will pay off – I'll live longer."

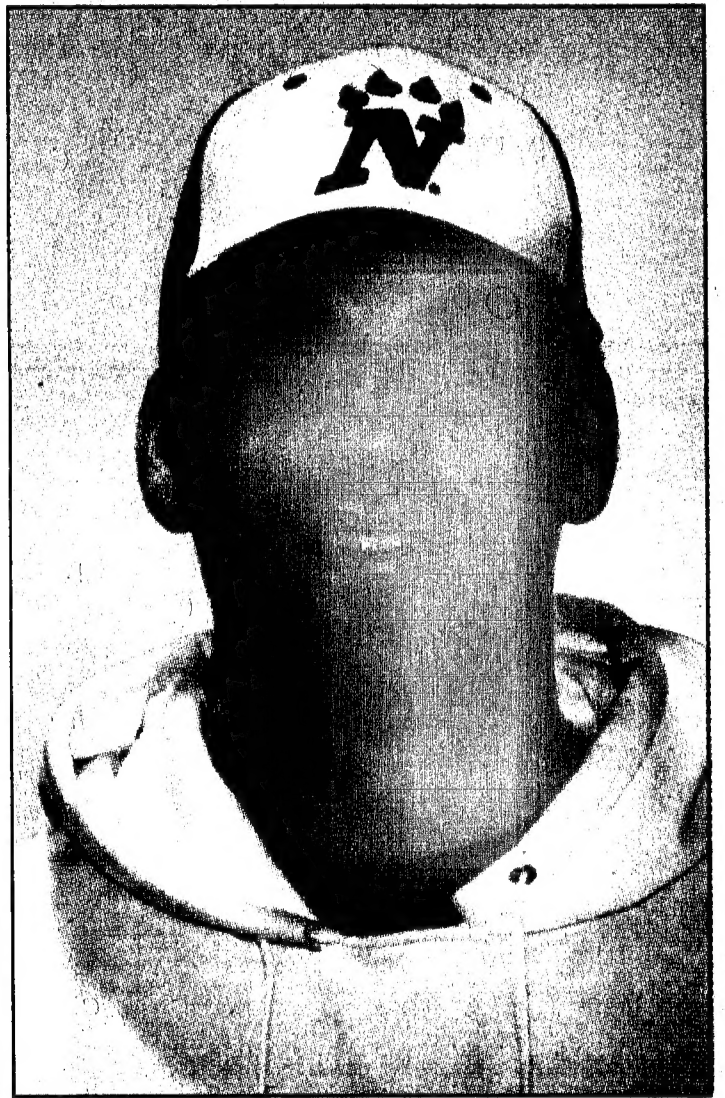
**Time frame:** "I'm just testing it, see how long it goes. Definitely not lifelong – it's not good to raise kids or be a pregnant vegan, so probably just a few years."

**Support system:** "My family is pretty supportive, but my friends are all jokes, like asking if I can eat animal crackers, like I haven't heard that one before. It's not like I force on them to not eat meat, so I don't understand why they try to wave cheesy meat saturated in milk in front of me."

- What NOT to eat:**
- Dairy
  - Eggs
  - Honey
  - Jell-O

- What NOT to wear:**
- Wool
  - Leather
  - Silk

## No bad-mouthing kids



**Joel Epley**  
Senior

No more bad mouthing adolescents on Xbox Live.

**The deciding factor:** "I realized I'm 22 years old and it's pathetic. It's much better to do it in person, anyway."

**Greatest obstacle:** "They always instigate the trash talk."

**Time frame:** "At least until my account is over, so six months."

**Support system:** "Absolutely not – I think it's more entertaining for them."

**How Xbox Live works:**

- Must have high-speed Internet access
- Allows gamers to interact with other players of the same game
- Allows personal messaging, online scoreboards and voice chats

**Problems:** According to Howstuffworks.com, the largest problem with Live is the presence of "griefers." A grieter is someone who finds joy in taunting others via voice chat, or playing the game in an "annoying or disruptive way."